(d) whether the Government have proposal to make a comprehensive automobile policy; if so, by when; and

(e) what are the salient features of the proposed policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Automotive Component Manufacturer Association (ACMA) has represented to the Government about the increasing trade in the spurious auto parts in the country which is posing a threat to public safety and human life.

(c) Government has taken a number of measures by way of delicensing of auto ancillary industry, broadbanding, re-endorement of capacities etc. and has also encouraged rapid modernisation and induction of new technology in this sector. Certain fiscal Concessions have also been granted for the import of sub-components for the manufacture of components for fuel efficient vehicles. It is expected that these measures would encourage the production of quality components, and with better availability and more competition in the market, the sale of spurious and substandard parts would go down.

(d) and (e) The proposal to formulate a comprehensive automobile policy is under consideration of the Government.

White Paper on Public Sector Units

1486. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a group of Chief Executives of public sector units has been constituted to prepare a white paper on the public sector units; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) An informal group of Chief Executives of Steel Authority of India Ltd., State Trading Corporation, Oil & Natural Gas Commission, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilisers Ltd., Indian Petrochemicals Ltd. and Coal India Ltd. are attempting the first draft as a part of a joint effort of the Government along with Chief Executives to prepare white paper.

1487. [*Transferred to the 7th May, 1987*].

Refund of Deposits from motor vehicle Dealers

1488. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prospective buyers of motor vehicles are asked to deposit a certain amount for booking of such vehicle with the dealer;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof vehicle-wise;

(c) whether it has any legal sanction;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the amount deposited for such booking is not refunded back immediately on cancellation of booking with the dealer; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) In many cases vehicle manufacturers receive advance deposits of specified amounts against booking of specific models of their vehicles.